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## WORK THAT COUNTS.

Everyone has a right to criticize the methods employed by others in any methods adopted for the uplifting of mankind, but no one ever hears of the Salvation Army being criticised for the work they are doing or the methods adopted, which will be admitted is the only successful method for reaching a certain class of people.

A quarter of a century ago the Salvation Army in America numbered exactly eight persons. It was in February, 1880, that Commissioner George Scott Ralston landed in New York with seven hallelujah lasses.

With their coming, the Salvation Army had arrived on the continent to begin a work that has extended itself in twenty-five years into nearly every community in North America.

As far back as 1873 a Salvation Army convert came from England to Cleveland O., but he was alone, the army was unknown, and though the banner was then raised on this continent Commander Booth's inability to send reinforcements caused the work to end at that time without result. In 1879 the Shirley family landed in Philadelphia. Their appeal to England for help was heard and the following year the advance guard of the army arrived eight in number, but as determined to do or die as any soldiers who have ever enlisted under the proudest banners of an earthly king.

Those early experiences were not pleasant. Persecution, opposition, ridicule and even imprisonment were met with. The Salvation Army was not understood. Its purposes were still unrealized. But opposition of this kind was only a spur to action. The Salvation Army had transplanted itself. It took root. It has grown up. It is strong and is here to stay.

It has gone down into the slums and gutters. With its own hands it has groped in the dregs of degradation hunting for the lowest, the most wretched and debased, that it might lift them up, help them and start them once again on the road to decent, self-respecting, self-supporting manhood and womanhood. It has fed the hungry, clothed the naked, raised the fallen, ministered to sorrow, and has been a help in time of trouble to thousands. In short, it has taken up the most practical as well as the most difficult part of Christian work. Nothing has been shunned. It has labored in an environment in which the church could not live. The church can not go to the people who need it most, the dregs of humanity. The Salvation Army can and does. The only way the criminal element can be reached is the way the Salvation Army has adopted.

Now what is it doing? It is spending \$800,000 annually in America alone for the relief of the poor. It maintains 143 institutions for the needy, such as rescue homes, soup houses, hotels for laborers, children's homes and places where the needy can be fed and lodged until the army can find them employment. It has three farm colonies, in which industrious worthy married men can secure homes of their own in any of several states. This is a comparatively new plan, but it is already successful and capable of extension and improvement.

The world has no greater agency for the reclamation of the fallen and the conversion of useless men and women into useful members of society. It accomplishes another great purpose also; for it helps the poor and unfortunate without pauperizing them. Its first aim is to reach and raise the fallen; and its second is to make them self-dependent. It is war against unrighteousness. It is magnificent.

## WORK FOR THE TOWNS.

Forty prominent citizens of Clatsop county have organized a business club for the purpose of properly advertising the town. The association proposes to look after public improvements and endeavoring to build up the place by encouraging a spirit of civic pride. It is argued that a coal mining town can be made attractive to many home-

seekers and live investors not direct-promoters desire perfect harmony and valuable addition to the business interests.

No town in the state has reached the limit when public sentiment can favor a discontinuance of general improvements. There are parks to be planted, streets to be opened and alleys that require cleaning. Spring is the season for beginning such work. It is the time when men are more energetic and ambitious to excel in home adornment. It is the season for planting trees, shrubs and flowers. The waste places can be seen more distinctly before the weeds and ferns cover them. Strangers are seeking new locations and commenting on the town imperfections.

Every trading point exerts an influence over the surrounding district, from which patronage is obtained. Poor towns indicate that they are located in poor communities or poorly managed. The farmers may have become disgusted at local conditions and transferred their trade to other more developed cities. They are critical people and as quick to recognize slothfulness in towns as are the commercial travelers. Indolence and vice thrive where the town people have no ambition to clean up and make things presentable. Now is the time for a general cleaning of every town that shows signs of neglect.

## SCHOOL EXHIBITS.

Nearly every county in Oregon—except Clatsop county—will have a school exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair. There are people living in Clatsop county that don't know that a world's fair is to be held in Portland this year. School exhibits are the best advertisement for securing the better class of emigrants. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, speaking of what the city is doing in the way of an exhibit says:

Among other exhibits which will go from Seattle to the Lewis and Clark exposition, if present plans carry through, will be that of the work done by the school children of this city. Seattle has a high reputation in educational circles for the manner in which its public schools are conducted and for the results achieved here. An exhibit which will give evidence that the school system of the city is worthy of the credit which has been accorded it will be the best possible exhibit which the city could make.

The fair is to be visited by thousands of people from all parts of the country, and among those in attendance there will be very many, indeed, who contemplate removing to the Pacific coast. One large inducement to many intending immigrants is the greater prospects which are presented here for establishing their children in life. Men who are content with their own present surroundings are yet willing to give up all and move elsewhere if they think that to do so would result to the advantage of their children and give them better opportunities in life than they will enjoy in their present environment.

All of the people of this class may be relied upon to scrutinize the educational exhibit of Seattle most conscientiously. They will look to it, largely, to determine what is the character of the schools of the city, school to which, if they come here, they will have to intrust the education of their own children. A good showing in his respect will bring to Seattle the very high class of possible immigrants.

## WOMEN'S SYMPATHY.

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Mrs. Close, wife of John Close, night engineer at Lindenberg's cold storage house, foot of Eighth street, residing at 239 Commercial street, says: "About a year ago we moved here from Portland and as I had a great deal to do I overdid myself, and the result was I brought on kidney trouble. My back began to ache and as time rolled on it kept getting worse instead of better. It finally grew so bad that I could scarcely stoop or straighten after stooping. When I did any work requiring bending I could hardly get up, and I had headaches, dizzy spells, and at times everything before me looked blurred. I was just about to start to the store for a plaster to put on my back when I read about Doan's Kidney Pills, and as they were so highly recommended for kidney trouble I made up my mind to try them and procured a box at Charles Rogers' drug store on Commercial street. They went right to the root of the disease and helped me from the start and before I had finished the box I was cured. Everything is changed with me now and I have no symptoms of kidney trouble whatever."

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## OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents With Comments by a Layman. April fool—We said it first.

Strange. There wasn't a gambler applied to Mr. Goodin for work yesterday.

There seems to be a difference of opinion among the ministerial fraternity of Astoria over the question of emotional insanity.

Mr. Rockefeller may change his mind now about the advisability of supporting foreign missions.

A St. Louis man says that getting rich is a bad habit, and there are lots of people acquire the habit by trying to reform others.

An eastern divine says the theater is greater than the pulpit. Certain, you hardly ever see a man go to sleep in a theater.

The chief of police of Warsaw has been blown up. It might help some to blow up the police around here once in while, just by way of waking 'em up.

A London paper regards the growth of insanity in Chicago as remarkable, but it is not.

Since Princess Victoria submitted to an operation for appendicitis it has become the fashionable craze in London to go under the knife. In other words the Londoners prefer to be cut by the surgeon to being cut by society.

Now we see what that embalmed beef has done. There are 65,000 applications for pensions by our Spanish war veterans.

An expert in fishing writes that suckers do not bite, but draw in the bait bodily. The bolting propensity has been frequently observed in get rich quick schemes.

Young Mrs. Vinton looked over the fence that separates her back yard from Mrs. Hardy's and her pretty face was troubled.

"Mrs. Hardy!" she called, softly. "Yes, What is it?" and Mrs. Hardy's matronly figure appeared in her kitchen door.

"I'm so sorry to trouble you," Mrs. Vinton went on, "but will you tell me some good way to cook clay pigeons? Jimmy has just sent me word that he is going out to shoot some. He's bound to bring a lot home, and I haven't the remotest idea how to prepare them."—Chicago News.

Chas. Hulin of Tennessee, supposed to have been murdered two years ago, appeared in court the other day as a witness in habeas corpus proceedings for the release of the man who was serving a penitentiary sentence for his alleged murder. The astute judge refused the application on the grounds that Hulin was "dead to all intents and purposes." Hulin might have thanked his stars that he escaped a coroner's inquest.

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